

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 5, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 22, and 25 as follows:

2 (Amended twice) A recombinant multimeric protein according to claim 1,
wherein the C-terminal fragment of the α chain is contained between amino acids 493 and 549
(SEQ ID NO 7), and the C-terminal fragment of the β chain is contained between amino acids
176 and 235 (SEQ ID NO 8).

In claim 5, line 3 at the end add --thereof--.

In claim 6, line 2 replace "have an" with --are specific for--; line 3 at the end of the line,
delete "specificity".

In claim 11, in line 2 change "contain" to --contains--; in line 3 delete [- in A,]; in
line 4 delete [- in B].

In claim 13, line 6 change "supertransducing" to --transduced again--.

15. (Three Times Amended) A method for preparing a multimeric protein as defined in
claim 1, the method comprising the following steps:

- transducing at least two target cell lines with at least one plasmid each, each of which plasmids contains a heterologous sequence which respectively encodes a molecule A or a molecule B according to claim 1,
- expressing and isolating the heterologous molecule A and molecule B from the at least two target cell lines

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- placing said molecules, in [specific proportions] in molecular ratio leading to the predetermination of the expected ratio of the different moieties of the heterologous molecules, in an oxidizing medium to form multimers, and
 - isolating the multimers.

In claim 16, line 6, change "supertransduced" to --transduced again--.

In claim 17, delete "medicament" and insert--pharmaceutical preparation--.

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22 (Amended) A recombinant multimeric protein according to claim 1, wherein the C-terminal fragment of the α chain includes amino acids 510 to 549 (SEQ ID NO 9), and the C-terminal fragment of the β chain includes amino acids 199 to 235 (SEQ ID NO 10).

In claim 25, in the first line, after "claim" and before comma, delete [23] and add --1--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please insert therefore the following abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A recombinant heteromultimeric protein including at least (a) a polypeptide fusion molecule A consisting of a C4BP α -chain C-terminal fragment and a polypeptide fragment heterologous to said α -chain, and (a) a polypeptide fusion molecule B consisting of a C4BP β -chain C-terminal fragment and a polypeptide fragment heterologous to said β -chain, wherein (a) and (b) are linked in the C-terminal portion to form said multimeric protein.--